

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3682**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/706,696 Confirmation No.: 8604
Applicant(s): Varin et al.
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Examiner: Marcus Charles
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 24, 2006, reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of the rejections are requested in light of the following remarks.